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Letter dated 4 November 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to your letter dated 14 October 2011, I wish to state the following:

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects and denies the involvement of any of its officials or organs in the alleged plot against the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Washington which has been claimed by the United States and reiterates its position concerning this matter as reflected in my letter dated 11 October 2011 addressed to you (A/66/513-S/2011/633).

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as a victim of international and state terrorism, condemns all acts of terrorism and reaffirms its commitment to its obligations under the relevant international legal instruments, including the 1973 "Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents". In line with the very same commitment, upon receiving a notification through INTERPOL in Washington regarding the possibility of the presence in Iranian territory of an alleged offender connected to a crime under the Convention, the case was immediately submitted to competent law enforcement authorities to investigate the presence of the alleged offender for the purpose of his prosecution in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The result of this investigation was that the name circulated by the United States authorities as the alleged offender is a member of the Mujahideen Khalq Organization (MKO) terrorist group. This information was communicated to INTERPOL in Washington through General Secretariat of INTERPOL (see annex).

The claims mentioned in the criminal complaint against the alleged suspect could by no means substantiate the United States allegations against any elements or officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. There is no shred of credible evidence to link the alleged suspect or to attribute the alleged plot to the organs of the Islamic Republic of Iran including Al Quds Force, which is an official branch of Iran's military and operates with full transparency under relevant laws and regulations. Attributing an alleged attempted plot by an individual to a foreign

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government on the basis of a series of suspicious phone calls and/or money transfers is only a mockery of a professional criminal investigation and genuine due process.

The United States has rushed to fabricate this plot to pressure Iran and further its Iranophobian policies, while even the alleged suspect was yet to be brought before any competent and impartial court. It would be absurd to level unfounded allegations against a state said to be made by an individual who, even according to the United States press, later denied the charges against him on 24 October 2011 in court. Therefore, it is crystal clear that the United States approach is far from being in good faith.

It is worth mentioning that the United States Government failed to act according to its commitments under article 4 of the 1973 Convention.

The United States attitude with regard to the alleged plot, which began with an explosive media campaign against Iran, coupled with the United States long-standing anti-Iranian policies and also its history of raising baseless allegations against other sovereign States, casts real doubt about the intention of the United States Administration. The United Nations and its Member States should be vigilant about the dire consequences of the United States persistence in propagating fabricated claims and disinformation against other countries. The United States Government shall be held accountable for the baseless allegations against the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, allegations which may lead to undermining international peace and security.

Upon instructions by my Government and in line with article 6 of the 1973 Convention, I would like to request you to notify the concerned State and other States Parties to the Convention about the measures taken by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It would be appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 83, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammad **Khazaee**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 4 November 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Dear colleagues:

Ref is made to the diffusion No: CXR/20111030765 dated 15/01/2011, issued by NCB Washington/United States of America, Please be advised that:

According to the conducted investigations the a/m person is not member of Iranian Islamic revolutionary Guard Corps — QODS force, at all.

Based on the conducted inquires from competent authorities be informed that a person with the following ID particulars is member of MKO terrorist group:

- SHAKURI f/n Gholam or Gholamhossein, holder of passport No: K10295631 issued in US on 30/11/2006.

(The MKO is a terrorist group that conducted hundreds of mortal activities against Islamic Republic of Iran civilians, officials and properties during the last 30 years ago. Leaders of the MKO organization and many of its members are wanted by our competent judicial authorities for the mentioned offenses. Upon our request IPSG has issued red notices against the terrorist group members.)

To IPSG:

You are kindly requested to provide us with concise and complementary information from NCB Washington about the above-mentioned subject.